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EXAMINING GROUP 1634

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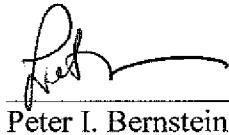
In response to the Final Official Action dated September 24, 2008 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks for entry in the above-identified case.

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